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**Cc:** Wharton, Steve[Wharton.Steve@epa.gov]; Guy, Kerry[Guy.Kerry@epa.gov]; Peterson, Cynthia[Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Sat 10/17/2015 4:40:03 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Adit Sample Results Messaging

Steve, we just received the dioxin results and validation package this week. Shaun wants us to meet with LaPlata county when they have their results and make sure we all have a common understanding of results. You or I can call and explain all this. We could consider showing them our results with an understanding they will not send out contradictory interpretations. We can talk on Monday

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 17, 2015, at 6:31 AM, McKean, Deborah <[mckean.deborah@epa.gov](mailto:mckean.deborah@epa.gov)> wrote:

If you are talking about the dioxin, PCB and volatiles data, David O sent the data to me yesterday. Wendy, Dan and I needed to discuss the dioxins data with a chemist to ensure we fully understood the uncertainties of all of the data qualifiers. We traded emails with Bill Batschelet late yesterday. I am waiting to hear from Dan what can be said about ecological risk.

With regard to human health, I can say the following:

*The surface water sample was analyzed for volatile organics and PCBs while the sediment sample was analyzed for dioxins. All volatile organics and PCBs were not detected. Detections of dioxins in sediment were below reporting limits and, therefore, reported as estimated. The very low detections of dioxins were below residential soil screening levels. Therefore, these samples do not pose a human health risk. It should be noted that dioxins are analyzed at very low detection limits. Dioxins are byproducts of incomplete combustion of chemical compounds, volcanic action and forest fires. They are, therefore, found throughout the environment which can include isolated forested areas.*

**From:** Wharton, Steve  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2015 8:23 PM  
**To:** Guy, Kerry  
**Cc:** Ostrander, David; McKean, Deborah; Peterson, Cynthia  
**Subject:** Fwd: Adit Sample Results Messaging

Kerry - Not sure whether you've seen this or who is the EU leader right now. Let Deb McKean or I know if we need to help with this.

Thanks,

Steve

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sheryl Rogers <[rogers@lpcattorney.org](mailto:rogers@lpcattorney.org)>  
**Date:** October 16, 2015 at 4:48:40 PM MDT  
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**Subject: RE: Adit Sample Results Messaging**

Could someone from the EPA please respond to our inquiries regarding our receipt of the EPA's sampling results for the additional constituents taken at the adit? It is my understanding that the results were received by EPA on September 29 and I have sent emails in addition to the one below requesting the results now.

Sheryl Rogers

La Plata County Attorney

**From:** Peter Foster [mailto:[pfoster@wrightwater.com](mailto:pfoster@wrightwater.com)]  
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**Subject: RE: Adit Sample Results Messaging**

Just checking in on EPA's sample results from the Gold King Mine Adit. Can you provide the results you have received to date.

Thank you.

Pete

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**From:** Sheryl Rogers [<mailto:rogers@lpcattorney.org>]  
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Hi Laura. I only got to your message now. If we want the results to coincide, I'll need to get more information on our side as to when our results will be complete. We do

not object to EPA releasing their data now since we have been very anxious to receive the results on these constituents for some time. I would like the results to be provided to Pete Foster, our consultant.

Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 5, 2015, at 2:58 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <[Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov](mailto:Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Sheryl and Tom:

Mike Barry, Incident Commander at the ICP in Durango, and I are working on messaging for the adit sampling results. We'd like the public release of our results to coincide with the release of your sampling results. We'd also like to explain any differences in results between EPA and La Plata County's samples, as different labs are processing the samples and different methods may have been used.

Would you be available this afternoon to discuss a roll-out strategy and possible timing? We've already got some results back and are leaning towards releasing what we've got, as opposed to waiting until we have the full suite of results from 9/21 and 9/29, but only want to roll it out this way if you're in agreement.

If you're available, just let us know what time and we can set-up a telecom or call you at a number of your choosing.

Thanks,

Laura Jenkins

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